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SUBJECT: MEXICO'S SIX YEAR FISHERY DEVELOPMENT PLAN.

ON AUGUST 4 FERNANDO RAFFUL, CHIEF OF GOM DEPT. FISHERIES  
AIRED FISHERIES DEVELOPMENT PLAN WITH PRES. LOPEZ PORTILLO  
AND MEX. CONGRESS. FULL TEXT OF ARTICLE ON SUBJECT WHICH  
APPEARED IN LOCAL ENGLISH LANGUAGE "THE NEWS" FOLLOWS:  
MEXICO'S FISHING INDUSTRY WILL ATTEMPT TO CLIMB FROM 28TH  
IN WORLD PRODUCTION TO NUMBER FIVE BY 1982, THE  
NATIONAL FISHERIES DEPARTMENT SAID THURSDAY IN ANNOUNCING  
A NEW, THREE-BILLION-PESO NATIONAL FISHING DEVELOPMENT  
PROGRAM.

THE PLAN'S TARGET IS TO TRANSFORM MEXICO INTO A FISHING  
NATION WITH THE CONSEQUENT DEVELOPMENT OF CAPACITY THROUGH  
ORGANIZATION, INFRASTRUCTURE AND PROPER FINANCING, THE  
DEPARTMENT SAID.

THE DEPARTMENT PROJECTS THAT BY 1982 MEXICO WILL PRODUCE  
TWO-MILLION 420,000 TONS OF FISH, OF WHICH 662,000 TONS  
WILL BE OBTAINED THROUGH SEA-FARMING AND THE REST, ONE  
MILLION 758,000 TONS FROM THE OPEN SEA, PRIMARILY FROM  
MEXICO'S 200-MILE TERRITORIAL WATER ECONOMIC ZONE.

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ONLY IN THE CASES OF TUNA, CODFISH, SQUID, CUTTLEFISH AND  
HAKE WILL MEXICAN FISHERMEN HAVE TO VENTURE INTO INTER-  
NATIONAL WATERS OR WILL TREATIES BE ESTABLISHED FOR  
FISHING IN OTHER NATION'S WATERS, THE FISHERIES SPOKESMEN  
SAID.

TWO FUNDAMENTAL POINTS WERE ESTABLISHED: THAT MAXIMUM  
VOLUMES BE CAUGHT IN MEXICAN WATERS AND THAT MEXICO BEGIN

HEAVY FISHING IN INTERNATIONAL WATERS.

SPOKESMEN SAID MEXICO'S FISH CONSUMPTION LEVEL WILL REACH 894,000 TONS IN 1980. CURRENTLY IT IS 229,000 TONS ANNUALLY.

THE GOVERNMENT WILL WORK TO INTENSIFY FISHERIES PRODUCTION OF SPECIES WHICH ARE UNDERDEVELOPED AT THE PRESENT TIME.

THESE INCLUDE ANCHOVY, SQUID, CUTTLEFISH, CRAWFISH (LANGOSTILLA), AND HAKE.

THREE-BILLION-TWO-HUNDRED-MILLION PESOS WILL BE SPENT TO AMPLIFY THE GEOGRAPHIC DISTRIBUTION OF SEAFOODS TO REDUCE CONCENTRATED CONSUMPTION, SPOKESMEN SAID. SPECIES WILL INCLUDE SARDINE, ANCHOVY, OYSTER, SHARK, AND OCTOPUS.

THE STATES OF COLIMA, MICHOACAN, CHIAPAS, TAMAULIPAS, VERACRUZ AND TABASCO WILL RECEIVE THE MAJOR IMPACT OF THE PLAN.

THE FISHERIES DEVELOPMENT PLAN DOCUMENT WILL BE POUCHED TO STATE AS SOON AS AVAILABLE. LUCEY

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